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IMPROVEMENT OF LAND.—One of the things

necessary to enhance the price of our lands all over the State is the improvement of the large bodies of unproductive and worn out lands. They are eye-sores, and produce upon the minds of one out of ten purchasers from a distance the impression that the lands never were good. They make the general appearance of the country so unattractive that strangers are almost disgusted. They see the magnificent mountains, feel the balmy air—but when they alight from the trains, pass through the country, and see cornfields with stubble on stalks not as large as your thumb; see whole fields of broussage and sassafras, they come to the conclusion that these lands are past redemption. These lands, in their present state, are a dead cost to their owners, and also an injury to the State. Can our farmers do anything quickly, easily, and without loss, to change these wastes into fruitful, or, at least, profitable fields? We know, from actual experience, and from the experiments of others, that they can. This improvement must be on a large scale to be a complete success. Those of our farmers who are out of debt can improve and beautify every acre of their waste lands without the loss of a dollar—in fact, they can make something clear. All those who have not much, but have good credit, can make an arrangement and succeed without loss. Of course the experiment must be made by those engaged in farming and who have teams.

The plan which we tried and which has been successfully tried by others, and the result of which we published some years ago, is the application of large quantities of good fertilizer. We tried from 320 to 520 pounds to the acre, at a cost then of \$8.50 to \$14.10 per acre. We now suggest from 300 to 700 pounds per acre of a mixture that shall contain one-half pure bone dust, one-fourth Peruvian guano and one fourth super-phosphate, or some mixture approaching this, and containing in large quantities bone and ammonia, potash and plaster. The seed (wheat and grass), and a fair price for plowing, leaving the profit, if a bad year, a fine stand of grass and the straw; if a good year, the wheat will pay a good profit. Take your poorest land and go from field to field for a wheat crop until your thin land is set in grass.—*Amherst Enterprise.*

**LIFTING EFFECTS OF EARTHQUAKES.**—Another feature of these earthquakes is the upheaval of the ground that is observed during most earthquakes, which is one cause of the sea retiring, another being the suction of the approaching wave when the centre of the eruption has been removed from the shore. During the great earthquake at Lisbon the bar at the mouth of the Tagus was laid bare by the upheaval, and the master of a vessel lying in the river at the time stated that his large anchor was thrown up from the bottom, and seemed to swim on the surface of the water. Other results of the upward movement during this catastrophe were observed elsewhere. The water in a pond at Duostal, in Suffolk, was jerked up into the form of a pyramid. At some places the water was tossed out of the wells. At Loch Lomond a large stone was forced out of the water. Rocks were raised into the air from the bottom of the Atlantic, and on board a vessel about forty leagues from the island of St. Vincent, in the West Indies, the anchors, which were laid, bounced up, and the sailors thrown a foot and a half perpendicular from the deck, the ship sinking into the water immediately afterward as low as the main chains.

At Riobamba, in South America, on the 5th of January, 1797, the bodies of many of the inhabitants were thrown by this vertical ascent upon the hill of La Calica, which is several hundred feet high and on the opposite side of the river. During some of these convulsions in Italy paving stones have been tossed into the air and found with their lower sides uppermost; and, at the time of a late convulsion in South America, the rising of the ground caused the sea to retire, which returned like a wall in appearance, carrying before it inland vessels that only a few minutes before had been left dry, towns and people being overwhelmed by the resistless recoil.—*Popular Science Monthly.*

**THE RAISIN CUR.**—Prince Gortschakoff is just now undergoing the "raisin cure," at Ouzby, Switzerland, and the fact directs attention to this, in Europe, very popular mode of treatment. It is used for the cure of general debility. At certain towns in Switzerland grapes are grown solely for medicinal purposes, and whole vineyards are put to no other use. Instead of drinking water, as at other places, the patient is sent out to eat grapes, and must pick them himself from the vines. Where the doctor ordinarily instructs the patient to drink so many glasses of water, he is here instructed to eat just so many bunches of grapes, and no more. It is assumed to be dangerous to go beyond the doctor's prescription a single grape. Excellent effects result from the employment of this treatment, and its popularity is widespread. With peaches, grapes are among the healthiest of all fruit. They possess medicinal qualities of the highest order to a debilitated system, iron entering considerably into their composition, and act as an invigorating tonic that is much better than drugs. For many years grapes have not been richer or more luscious than this, and they are sold at such reasonable prices as to bring them within the reach of all and so place this delicious fruit and pleasant tonic at the command of rich and poor alike.

**REAL ESTATE.**—An Irishman had sold his farm, and moved all his personal property to one adjoining, which he had purchased. He claimed that stable manure was personal property and not real estate, and commenced moving the same—a law suit ensued, and the Court declared against him. His final remarks to the Judge, after the jury had found a verdict against him, were as follows: "Mr. Judge, a horse and a cow are personal property?" "Yes," answered the Judge. "Mr. Judge, corn, oats, hay, etc., are personal property?" "Yes," responded the Judge. "Then," says Pat, how in the devil can personal property can personal property and produce real estate?"

DRY GOODS.

LARGE AND CHOICE STOCK OF FANCY AND STAPLE DRY GOODS.

Oct. 16th, 1875.  
New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore markets. We have just returned from the North and opening to-day a splendid assortment of goods, embracing the newest and latest styles out for fall and winter. Our Dress Goods Department is complete, and we make Black Goods a specialty. We cannot enumerate all the different lines of goods, but invite a general examination of the stock. Popular prices may be expected. D. F. BRASHEAR, No. 109 King street, Alexandria, Va.

NOTICE.

**KID GLOVES.**  
I have received this day my Fall supply of KID GLOVES, at prices as follows: Two button, at 75c \$1.00, \$1.50 and \$2.25 per pair.  
Oct 1 C. C. BERRY, 72 King st.

BLACK SILKS.

I have just received from New York a line of my superior  
**BLACK SILKS,** of every grade, some of them exceedingly rich in quality and finish; also beautiful Pin-stripe ditto. French Merinos in the new Cloth Colors; a large stock of black ditto, with Cashmeres, from 87 cts. to \$1.50. Also, a fine stock of Plain CAMEL'S HAIR and other goods for Ladies' Jackets and Cloaks, in the new styles, and handsomely trimmed.  
Oct 10 J. M. STEWART.

CARPETINGS.

I am now opening a large stock of superior BRUSSELS AND INGRAM CARPETS, HEARTH RUGS, OIL CLOTHS, MATS, HASSUCKS, &c. These goods are handsome and cheap.  
Oct 10 J. M. STEWART.

LATEST STYLES OF CLOAKS.

A full line just received.

D. F. WITMER CO.

FULL CLOTHS AND KERSEYS.

A very large assortment.

The attention of who desire dealers is called to them.

D. F. WITMER CO.

BOYS' CASSIMERES, in great variety.

Oct 10 D. F. WITMER CO.

ASSEMBLY ROOMS CARPET HALL.

Our Carpet business requiring it, we have had the Assembly Room fitted up, and now it is our pleasure to invite our customers to look at CARPETS, OIL CLOTHS, and other goods in this line, in one of the handsomest, if not the handsomest, Carpet Hall in the State. Our stock in these, as well as in all our lines, is large and well assorted as to prices. All that we ask is a comparison.  
Oct 21 D. F. WITMER CO.

CARPETS, FLOOR AND TABLE OIL CLOTHS.

We have just received sample patterns of Carpets, representing the newest and best styles out for the season. We sell from these patterns, having no remnants left, at prices greatly lower than we could otherwise do.  
Oct 10 D. F. BRASHEAR.

H. B. HOOMES, No. 109 King street, Alexandria, Va.

NEW DRY GOODS FOR EARLY FALL TRADE.

We have just returned from the North and are opening to-day a great many very cheap and reasonable goods, and invite the attention of purchasers. Country merchants will find it our pleasure to call and make large bills with us, as we are prepared to offer a full stock, and at such prices as will insure heavy sales.  
Oct 10 D. F. BRASHEAR.

H. B. HOOMES, No. 109 King street, Alexandria, Va.

OIL CLOTH AND CARPETING.

We have just received per steamer a large supply of Tapestry, Brussels, Three Ply, all grades of Ingrain, Venetian, Hemp and Bag Carpeting; also all kinds of Oil Cloth for floors, stairs and tables. These goods will be sold at prices to suit.  
Oct 7 D. F. WITMER CO.

CLOTHS AND CASSIMERES.

We have just received a large assortment of PLAIN AND FANCY CASSIMERES, CLOTHS AND SUITINGS Foreign and Domestic.

We invite those in want of Clothing of any kind to examine our stock. We can make up suits at short notice, and guarantee a fit.

Our prices are reasonable.  
Oct 6 D. F. WITMER CO.

CADET CLOTH! CADET CLOTH!

PRETZFELDER & BENDHEIM.

We have just received and can furnish suits of the most superior quality, at the shortest notice, and guarantee a good fit.  
Oct 23

NEW GOODS.

I have received another lot of Superior Black Grenadines, French Muslins, White Linen Lawns for dresses, Sun Umbrellas and Parasols for ladies, Gen's Superior Silk Umbrellas. Also a lot of extra quality Straw Matting and Oil Cloths, and Cocoa Matting for halls.  
Oct 17 J. M. STEWART.

PARASOLS AND SUN UMBRELLAS.

June 28th, 1875.

Another invoice of those choice goods just received from the manufacturer.

D. F. BRASHEAR, No. 109 King street, Alexandria, Va.

BARGAINS IN SUMMER AND SPRING DRESS GOODS.

We are selling our last lot of our Colored Grenadines at 12 1/2 and 15c, worth 25, 35 and 50c per yard. We are closing out our Lawns and Organdies at 12 1/2 and 20c, worth 25 and 37 1/2c per yard; also beautiful yard-wide Frenches and Batiste Suitings at 12 1/2c per yard. We offer these inducements to make room for a large stock of Fall and Winter Dry Goods, Notions, Hosiery, &c.  
Oct 13 D. F. BRASHEAR, H. B. HOOMES, No. 109 King street, Alexandria, Va.

MATTINGS.

OIL CLOTHS and TAPESTRY BRUSSELS CARPETINGS.

I have just received 44 White Mattings, some of superior quality. Also Checked Table and Floor Oil Cloths, dotting for steps. Brussels Stair Carpet and Hall do, to match.  
Oct 7 J. M. STEWART.

MUSICAL NOTICE.

**VICTOR BECKER**

Will attend, as heretofore, to the TUNING OF PIANOS AND ORGANS in Alexandria and vicinity, and solicits a continuance of the patronage of his friends.

He also calls their attention to his assortment of second hand and new

PIANOS, especially to those of Marchal & Smith, several of which he has sold here, and which have given so much satisfaction for their merits and moderate prices.

Send orders or call at his store, No. 803 7th street, northwest, Washington, D. C., near H. H. where you will find the largest assortment of Musical Merchandise, first class Violin Strings, &c., &c.  
Washington, Aug 18th

DRESS GOODS.—We beg to call the attention of the ladies to a large and varied stock of FALL AND WINTER DRESS GOODS to be opened this morning, in connection with many other seasonable goods

D. F. BRASHEAR, 109 King street.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.

ESTABLISHED 1792.

**E. S. LEADBEATER & BRO.,**

Nos. 5 & 7 S. Fairfax St.,

DEALERS IN PURE

Drugs, Chemicals,

GENUINE PATENT MEDICINES,

PAINTS, OILS, ACIDS,

WINDOW GLASS,

PERFUMERY, SOAPS, SPONGES,

AGRICULTURAL SALTS,

GARDEN SEEDS, FAMILY DYES, &c.

Agents for the celebrated

Averill Chemical Paints,

OF ALL SHADES, AND

N. YORK ROOFING PAINT,

Both mixed and ready for use.

Also,

PRATT'S ASTRAL OIL,

AYER'S SARSAPARILLA,

PECTORAL, &c., &c., &c.

Purchasing as we do for cash only from our old established connections in New York and Philadelphia, we are enabled to procure goods of the best quality and at the lowest rates.

We will be pleased to furnish quotations at any time.

ORDERS and PHYSICIANS' PRESCRIPTIONS receive our most careful and prompt personal attention, and every effort is made to maintain the high reputation of our old establishment.

W. D. HUDSON, Dealer in

DRUGS, MEDICINES, FANCY AND TOILET ARTICLES, PATENT MEDICINES, &c., &c., 301 King st., Alexandria, Va.

Prescriptions carefully compounded at all hours.

W. FRANKLIN CREIGHTON, Wholesale and Retail Dealer in

DRUGS, CHEMICALS, PATENT MEDICINES, PAINTS, OILS, DYE STUFFS, GARDEN SEED, &c., &c., &c., No. 85 King street, (under Sargeant Hall), ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA.

Physicians' Prescriptions carefully compounded. Orders will receive prompt attention.

Oct 24th

ESTABLISHED 1792.

**E. S. LEADBEATER & BRO.**

DEALERS IN

PURE DRUGS AND MEDICINES, CHEMICALS, PAINTS, OILS, VARNISHES, GARDEN SEEDS, SPICES, ACIDS, &c., &c., Nos. 5 and 7 South Fairfax st., Alexandria, Va.

SAMUEL H. JANNEY, MARLON H. JANNEY, J. JANNEY & CO., DEALERS IN

PURE DRUGS, LEWIS' WHITE LEAD, Paints, Oils and Varnishes, FRENCH WINDOW GLASS & PUTTY, No. 145 King street.

Orders and Inquiries from the country promptly attended to.

GUNS, CAPS, WADS, &c.—Just opened at 88 King street, Alexandria, Va., corner of Royal, an assortment of English Twist Shot Guns, of good quality, and at very low prices; also a French Loader, with all the fixtures, shells, &c., Musket Caps, Gun Wads, Blanks, Pouches, Balls, &c., to which we invite attention.

Oct 22 J. T. CREIGHTON & SON.

RECEIVED THIS DAY BY STEAMER.

25 bbls No. 1 Split Labrador Herring. 25 bbls No. 3 Mackerel.

Also on hand Family Roe and No. 1 Potomac Herring. For sale by

JOHN SON & SHERWOOD, No. E. cor. Cameron and Royal sts.

THORN'S INFALLIBLE OINTMENT WILL CURE

ERYSIPELAS, SCROFULA, RING WORMS, BARBERS' ITCH,

Or any other eruption of the skin. Just received and for sale by

WARFIELD & HALL.

FOUGERA'S READY MADE MULLARD PLASTERS.

Superior to common mustard plasters, always ready for immediate use, clean and not liable to change easily transported and pliable, so as to be applied to all surfaces. For sale by

WARFIELD & HALL, Corner Prince and Fairfax streets.

OVERCOATINGS.

BEAVERS, MELTONS, And other styles.

IN A VARIETY OF COLORS. Made to order in the latest styles cheap.

Oct 7 D. F. WITMER CO.

SUGARS, TEAS and COFFEES at lowest prices. Oct 12 J. C. & E. MILBURN.

FISH, OYSTERS, &c.

**W. H. SMITH & CO'S.**

NORFOLK OYSTER DEPOT,

NO. 43 KING STREET,

OFFICE: NO. 7 NORTH FAIRFAX ST., ALEXANDRIA, VA.

We have constantly on hand OYSTERS OF THE BEST QUALITY, from Norfolk and elsewhere, received EVERY DAY, and are prepared to furnish the trade at as LOW PRICES as any house in the city.

All orders entrusted to us shall receive prompt and careful attention.

Packing House, 43 King st. Office, 7 North Fairfax street.

Oct 4

**NICHOLAS WHITE & CO.,**

NORFOLK OYSTER DEPOT,

NO. 621 B STREET, BET. 6th and 7th, N. W., (Opposite Baltimore and Potomac Depot) WASHINGTON, D. C.

Has constantly on hand OYSTERS, of the best quality, from Norfolk and elsewhere, received fresh every day by steamer and railroad. Hotels, restaurants and families supplied by the quart, gallon, bushel or barrel at the cheapest market rates.

Washington, sep 20-3m

**OYSTERS.**

We keep constantly on hand the BEST THE MARKET AFFORDS.

All orders promptly attended to by the old established house.

**J. H. McLEAN & CO.,** No. 77 Prince street, Opp. the Gazette office, Alexandria, Va.

sep 3-4m

**ANDREW DELLA,**

DEALER IN OYSTERS,

No. 23 South Royal street, Alexandria, Va.

OYSTERS received daily by steamer. All orders promptly filled. Satisfaction guaranteed.

Received this day.

Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Mackerel, new 100 bbls Split Labrador Herring. 100 bbls Extra New Gibbed do 100 bbls "Round do. 500 boxes Smoked Herring. 100 kits No. 1 Moss Mackerel. 100 kits Nos. 2 and 3 do.

New Salmon, Cod, Hake and Halibut in store and for sale by

S. J. REED & CO., 22 Union street.

REMOVAL.

S. J. REED

Announces to his friends and customers that he has removed his stock of FOTYMAC SHAD and HERRINGS to NOS. 22 UNION ST. and 11 SOUTH WHARVES, where, in connection with his former fish business, he will keep constantly on hand a large and varied assortment of EASTERN FISH.

Has now on hand 600 bbls different grades of Fish, consisting of GROSS and NET SHAD, MESS SHAD in kits, FAMILY ROE HERRING, barreled MACKEREL, MESS MACKEREL in kits, and SPLIT and ROUND HERRINGS, to which he invites the attention of the public.

The business will in future be conducted by S. J. REED and J. A. CUNNINGHAM.

July 12-14

**JOB PRINTING.**

The attention of the public is respectfully called to our facilities for the execution of all descriptions of Job Printing.

We have an extensive and varied assortment of all the latest styles of

and are constantly adding to our stock, from which we are prepared to print anything, from a visiting card up to a poster.

We guarantee satisfaction in every particular, and assure all who may entrust their orders with us that they will be executed promptly.

ORDERS FROM THE COUNTRY will receive special attention.

PRICES LOW.

Give us a call and examine specimens.

**BAKERS' PREMIUM BITTERS,** a reliable and all diseases caused by a disordered state of the liver or stomach. Just received a fresh supply at

WARFIELD & HALL'S, Corner Prince and Fairfax streets.

NOTICE! I have this day received a large supply of GREEN'S AUGUST FLOWER, and BOSCHER'S GUMMAY SYRUP—Agué Conqueror. Also some sample bottles.

W. F. CREIGHTON, 85 King street.

SUGARS! Porto Rico, Domatara, A and B Crushed, Granulated, Pulverized, and other Refined Sugars, for sale by

W. A. JOHNSON, 44, cor. Pitt and Queen sts.

ON HAND AND FOR SALE Ladin & Rand's celebrated RIFLE POWDER, the only Powder used by the American Army; also a large assortment of SHOT and CARTRIDGES, of all sizes.

JOHNSON & SHERWOOD, No. E. cor. Cameron and Royal sts.

BLACK ALPACAS and PURE MOUNTAIN HAIR—Just received the best brands at popular prices. Also black Cashmeres; choice goods and very cheap.

D. F. BRASHEAR, No. 109 King st.

SAUSAGE CUTTERS, Coal Hods, Store Brushes and other goods suited to the season. Prices reduced. Call and see, at 85 King st., corner of Royal.

Oct 12 J. T. CREIGHTON & SON.

THIMBLE SKEINS and BOXES, of best quality; a full supply of all sizes. No. 88 King street, corner of Royal. Wholesale and retail.

Oct 12 J. T. CREIGHTON & SON.

SPARKLING CHAMPAGNE CIDER—A very fine article—in pint and quart bottles—just received direct from New York and for sale by the case or single bottle.

Oct 6 JANNEY & CO.

FLOOR STAIN—We have just prepared by a new recipe a supply of a very superior Floor Stain, which we offer to our customers by the pint or gallon at very reasonable rates.

Oct 21 JANNEY & CO.

BARKER MILLS BLEACHED COTTONS—Another case of these splendid Cottons. Also Androscoggin and other popular brands.

D. F. BRASHEAR, No. 109 King st.

DRY GOODS.

**FALL STOCK.**

RECEIVING BY RAILROAD, EXPRESS AND STEAMER.

The latest designs in Plaids, Serges, Cashmeres, Cretones, French Serges, Poppins, and other styles too numerous to mention. BLACK SILKS a specialty; as low in prices as can be bought.

**DRESS GOODS.**

Particular attention is called to this department, as we have always on hand a very large assortment of everything in this line, and as we buy and sell very largely in it, we are enabled to sell cheap. Among the new goods we name: Drap d'Eté, Cretones, Cashmeres, Cashmere Ecorse, Taniés, Alpaca, &c. IN DRESS GOODS, Cape Vails and Collars, Single and Double Thibet Shawls, and everything else to make this line complete.

**MOURING GOODS DEPT.**

**SHAWLS.**

A full line in Single and Double Wool Paisley; Zephyrs, in plain and scarlet and other colors.

**CARPETS,**

in our NEW HALL, into the Assembly Rooms; the handsomest Carpet hall in the State. A very handsome stock of Carpets, in Brussels, Three Ply, Ingrain, Gings, Hemp and Stair; also OIL CLOTHS, from 3-4 to 10-4, cut to fit passages, rooms, &c., without extra charge. Also Patterned Rattans, Matting and Mats. Rugs, different sizes and qualities.

**GENTLEMEN'S DEPT.**

One of the largest branches of our business. In this you will find a very large and carefully selected stock of French, English, Scotch, German and American Cloths, Cashmeres, Overcoatings, Suitings, Vestings, Trowersings, Tailors' Trimmings, &c. Our Cutter has had many years' experience as one of